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RANK IDIOCY.
There are evidences that the Fool-Killer is not doing his whole duty just at present. In the presence of such a fearful calamity as that in the Conemaugh Valley it would seem that there would be no time for foolish talk; but some prohibition orators in Pennsylvania have been indulging in the rankest kind of idiocy.
To bolster up their cause, one crank had the heartlessness to attribute the flood to the fact that the flooded district was opposed to the Prohibition amendment. Another thought that the liquor traffic was so bad that if it could be abolished we could afford to have a catastrophe like that at Johnstown every month.
A cause with such advocates must suffer greatly. To attempt to make partisan capital by outraging the memory of the dead and further lacerating the already wounded feelings of the living is too contemptible to be adequately described.

A QUESTION OF HAIR.
The divorce case of PRELAIN vs. PRELAIN, now pending in the Detroit courts, presents a novel question for adjudication. Soon after marriage Mr. PRELAIN left his wife without assigning any cause, but now that Mrs. PRELAIN sues him for divorce he seeks to vindicate himself by stating that his wife's chief charm in his eyes was her luxuriant growth of lovely golden locks, which prove to be false as they were fair. After they were married and PRELAIN believed that the tresses were all his own, he wanted to toy with them with true lover-like desire, but his wife would not permit such familiarity. Neither would she allow him to be present when she made her toilet. This aroused his ire and suspicion. He awaited his opportunity, got a step-ladder, peered over the transom, was horror-stricken to see that his wife's pate was as bald as a flagstone, and that the lovely golden locks hung on a peg, awaiting adjustment. He swooned, and upon reviving lit out and refused to live with a bald-headed woman.
The question of just how much of a woman's hair must be real to make a marriage contract binding has never been decided. The decision in this Detroit case will be awaited with anxiety.

DEMPESET'S IMPROMPTU "SCRAP."
The "Montana Kid" Made a Savage Attack on the Nonpareil.
(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)
SAN FRANCISCO, June 11.—Jack Dempsey, the Nonpareil, looks rather used up to-day, since his impromptu "scrap" in the street last night with the "Montana Kid" had been a severe one. It seems that the "Kid" had been anxious for some time to meet Dempsey and get a whack at him, but he found no opportunity until last evening, when he met the Nonpareil strolling with some friends.
The "Kid" was infuriated and at once challenged Dempsey, following up with a cyclone-like attack in which fists and feet did about equal work.
It was so sudden that Dempsey had no time to defend himself. He was knocked down and jumped on by the gentleman from Montana, who would have done the champion middle-weight serious damage if his friends had not come to his rescue.
The "Montana Kid" was taken to the nearest police station, breathing vengeance against Dempsey and swearing to do him up completely the next time he met him.

CONTESTING A HERMIT'S WILL.
Fraser Lee Left All His Property to the Baptist Church.
The will contest case of the old hermit, Fraser Lee, was heard in the Jersey City Court of Chancery, before Commissioner McGill, to-day.
The old hermit lived at the junction of the Terrell and Highway roads, in Union County, until he died last year.
He had uncles, aunts and cousins by the dozen, but no nearer relatives.
Instead of leaving his property to be divided among them, as they expected, he willed it all to the Baptist Church of Scotch Plains.
The relatives contest the will, claiming that the old man was intoxicated when he signed it.

MORE LAND FOR DR. PAXTON'S.
The Church Buys Four Lots in Its Rear on Forty-second Street.
The trustees of the Rev. Dr. Paxton's West Presbyterian Church have completed the purchase of four lots in the rear of their edifice, which gives them an extension on Forty-second street a block long.
They also purchased twelve feet of land on Sixty-eighth street, between the Boulevard and Tenth avenue, to prevent the possibility of any objectionable building beside their mission. Dr. Paxton preaches his last sermon this Sunday.

International Congress of Socialists.
(BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.)
LONDON, June 11.—Messrs. Bebel and Liebknecht, the Socialist leaders, and other Socialist members of the German Reichstag will attend the International Congress of Socialists in Paris, which will open on all parts of the world are expected to be present. The objects and scope of the movement will be more clearly defined than ever heretofore.

Only Tempted.
(From the Detroit Free Press.)
"Boy!" shouted a Michigan avenue grocer, "didn't I see you pocket an apple from that barrel?"
"No, sir."
"Look out! You were acting very suspicious. I was watching you."
"I knew you were, and that's the reason I didn't make a grab and run for it."

SAVE THE BABIES.

It Takes Money to Start That Corps of Free Physicians.

And These Are Critical Times for the Children in the Tenements.

Every Humane Reader Should Send in His or Her Mite for the Good Cause.

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From Maud and Little Austin.
To the Editor of The Evening World:
Mamma gave my little brother Austin 10 cents this morning and gave me the same. I enclosed you will find the 20 cents for the Sick Babies Fund.

Maud and Austin Boleman.
142 West Thirty-sixth street.

Jessie Sends Her Candy Money.
To the Editor of The Evening World:
I enclosed find two cents for the Doctors' Fund. Mamma gave it to me for to buy candy with, but I told her I would rather give it to you to help the sick babies with. Hoping you won't be angry because it's such a small amount.

He Collected It on Sunday.
To the Editor of The Evening World:
The enclosed \$1.50 was collected by me Sunday. I would like to see \$10,000 raised for the little sufferers.

HARRY SIDNEY ASHMUN.
1732 Madison avenue.

Subscribers with a Good Heart.
To the Editor of The Evening World:
Please to accept my mite to THE EVENING WORLD'S Free Doctors' Fund. I know it is not much, but I send it with a good heart.

BESSIE COHEN.
208 East Forty-eighth street.

Wishes It Was \$1,000.
To the Editor of The Evening World:
I enclosed \$1 for THE EVENING WORLD'S Free Doctors' Fund. I wish it were a thousand.

BERTHA.

COUNSEL CLARK'S AXE.
One Execution To-day and Others Admittedly in Contemplation.
Corporation Counsel Clark evidently intends to come as near making a clean sweep in the Law Department as he can without interfering with its efficiency.

He said to-day that before he makes any appointments to fill the five vacancies made yesterday, he will make a few more vacant places by removal or the acceptance of resignations.

Paul Halpin, a clerk and subpoena server in the office, was removed to-day.

POINTS FOR YOUNG MOTHERS.
How to Keep the Babies in Good Health in Hot Weather.
During the heated season the sickness and mortality among the children is so great as to overtax the resources of public and private charity. Self-help, however, on the part of parents may do a great deal to lessen the labors of the corps of physicians, and the following hints to mothers for preserving the health of the babies during the Summer months are given by Dr. Edson, of the Health Department:

Brooklyn's Captains in Helmet.
The nineteen police captains of Brooklyn this morning donned their Summer helmet and uniform.

Their helmets are chalk white, with a double gold cord tipped with tassels running around the rim.

Being the first time that they have ever donned a helmet as captains, the change was very conspicuous.

Broke a Pitcher on His Head.
At the Essex Market Police Court to-day, John Heas, of 292 East Seventh street, was held for trial, charged with assault on J. C. Maybom, of the same number, during a free fight in the tenement-house last night. How street Maybom threw the head with a glass pitcher. The injured man is now in Bellevue.

Hurt in a Car Explosion.
Bertha Mann, a servant in the employ of Charles Sabbath, of 397 Manhattan avenue, was seriously burned about the body this morning in an explosion of gas in the cellar. There was a fire and the building was damaged about \$1,000.

CLEVELAND'S BOY FIEND

Precautions Necessary to Save Otto Leuth from Judge Lynch.

His Confession of the Outrage and Butchery of Little Maggie.

One of the Most Cold-Blooded and Horrible Crimes in Modern Records.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)
CLEVELAND, O., June 11.—There is so much feeling against Otto Leuth, the lad who so brutally murdered pretty eight-year-old Maggie Thompson, that the police are taking extra precautions lest the hangman be cheated of his just dues.

The crime is one of the most horrible in modern records, and an EVENING WORLD reporter who saw the victim's body will never be able to efface the awful picture from his brain.

As already printed in THE EVENING WORLD, Little Maggie, who is the daughter of Jacob Thompson, of 24 Merchant avenue, started from home on May 8 from the Tremont street school only two blocks away. She was not heard from or seen alive after this.

The city and State were thoroughly searched by detectives, constables and citizens in private life, who endeavored to find some trace of the strayed child, but all was in vain.

Not ten doors from the Thompson's house, on Merchant avenue, there is a two-story frame house, occupied by two families. The front part was lived in by Mr. Henry Leuth, the owner of the house, his wife, and their son, Otto, a boy of sixteen. The old people were out of town at the time of Maggie's disappearance.

At the time the little Thompson girl disappeared Mrs. Leuth was in the hospital, where she was confined for two weeks later. Otto was left as the sole inhabitant of their part of the house.

Otto Leuth is a young fellow about five feet seven, slender in build. He has small eyes, a large nose, his upper lip is thin and the under one full.

Several times called at her house and asked her mother with a good deal of interest whether the little girl had been found.

Under the Leuths have lived two other families separated from each other by a partition so that they were accessible only to the respective tenants. Shortly before the Leuths came back, the law police station broke down.

Mr. Leuth determined on a thorough search of the premises.

Armed with a lamp, he penetrated into the rear of the house, and found the body of the girl, which he found in a small room, the source of the foul smell, and it made his hair stand on end.

A young girl horribly mutilated was discovered in the vault-like divisions of the cellar. The child was entirely naked, her head had been cut from her body and her right arm was also severed from the trunk. Some old rags were thrown over the little mutilated form.

Poor Leuth rushed upstairs, shaking with fright, told his wife of the horror, and ran as fast as he could to the police station to tell him the source of the foul smell, and it made his hair stand on end.

Decomposition had set in, and the face was bruised with wounds. The skull showed three vicious strokes with some blunt instrument, each of which had crushed in the frontal bone. The law police was also told that the decomposed body was that of his little daughter Maggie.

The agony of the strong, his fellow was fearful. Force was needed to remove him from the spot. He was not allowed to look upon the bruised and terribly corrupted features.

The boy Otto was very cool and indifferent, but denied having ever seen Maggie Thompson in his life.

When the bloody feather bed was shown him he wept and soon broke down entirely and made a confession. The little girl, Maggie, had met him and asked for a button. He told her he would give it to her if she would come to his house. She followed him to the upper floor and there the young monster assaulted her.

Her struggles prevented the accomplishment of his purpose and he struck her down with three blows of a hammer on the forehead. The still warm, unresisting body of his victim was now in his power.

Then he left the house and for a week did not go near it. At the end of that time he returned and put the girl's mutilated body in the cellar.

ISHEPOWER'S BACKER

Lawyer McGowan Sues the Counties' Leader for \$13,000.

He Says He Loaned Money for the Justice's Political Aims.

The Judge Says It's Sheer Blackmail and that the Debt Is Paid.

Police Justice Maurice J. Power is being sued in the Court of Common Pleas by John T. McGowan, lawyer, at 154 Pearl street, for \$13,000, which Mr. McGowan alleges is coming to him on old loans to Mr. Power.

McGowan was at one time a prominent County Democracy politician, and was once the candidate of that faction for Civil Justice, but was beaten by Judge Kelley.

In his complaint he alleges that he has been Judge Power's financial backer for twenty years; that from January, 1893, to January, 1892, he spent \$11,824.90 in behalf of the leader of the County Democracy, and that he loaned him \$1,650 between 1870 and 1880; that between March, 1874, and 1880 Power paid him \$6,781, and that in 1880 at an accounting it was shown that Judge Power still owed him \$10,483.31.

Then the complaint alleges that in 1874 and 1875, when Power was Clerk of the Marine Court, he was short in his accounts with the Comptroller more than \$20,000, and that McGowan mortgaged his own Pennsylvania property to Hannah M. Halpin, sister of Judge Power, for \$5,000 wherewith to get Power out of the Marine Court, and that Judge Power never returned this sum, and he, McGowan, had to pay \$5,575.33 on account of that mortgage.

McGowan also says in his complaint that he has paid Judge Power's assessments and dues in various political clubs and organizations for years.

Justice Power removed his nose-glasses, and smiled upon an EVENING WORLD reporter from his magisterial perch at Essex Market Court this morning, and replied to him:

"Why, I should characterize McGowan's action as an attempt to blackmail."

His memory seems to be gone, too, for he seemed to have forgotten that seven years ago he had an accounting, and was in my debt; that two years ago he issued to me a mortgage on a lot in Ninety-sixth street for the security of the payment of a loan given at that time by me and of all former loans by me to him.

But I cannot further delay my business here. I have a large dinner and unless you can wait two hours you had better call upon my counsel, Peter A. Hendrick, of Doherty, Durnen & Hendrick."

"I went over all the papers in this case with Judge Power last night, and his defense is complete. The paragraph of the complaint alluding to Mr. Power's trouble of fifteen years ago, indicates the animus of the action."

"It is too evidently blackmail. In point of fact that mortgage on McGowan's property was to secure a loan made to him by Mr. not Mr. Halpin, and, naturally enough, McGowan was obliged to settle it. Our papers show that open-handed Maurice J. Power has been boosting this fellow for years."

McGowan was receiver of the old Bowling Green Savings Bank two years ago and was locked up in Ludlow Street Jail for a failure to account properly. Even as late as the date of the document, which showed beyond cavil that McGowan owed Power, and not the other way.

He was about to be ejected from his house, and he sent a small sum, making the loan conditional on a return of property claimed by McGowan securing that and previous loans.

"Afterwards we found that McGowan did not own the property at all, and that McGowan had already mortgaged the property \$10,000, although he had no title in it."

"At an accounting some years ago McGowan owed Power \$10,000. We have the papers for that with McGowan's signature."

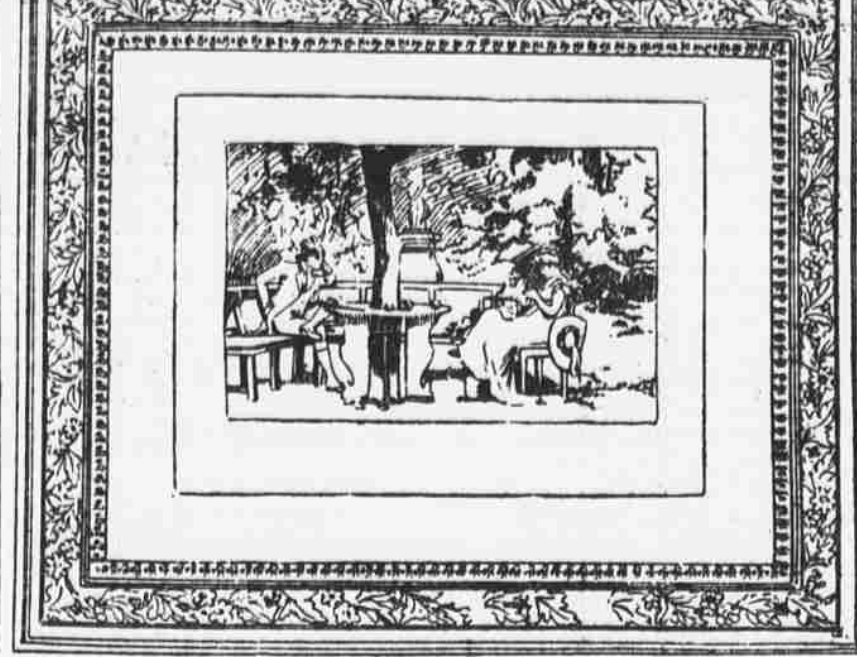
McGowan was, at the time of the making of the \$5,000 mortgage to Mr. Halpin, receiver of an estate, and Power negotiated this mortgage with his brother-in-law to help him out.

"No lawyer or man with correct notions would have referred to that Marine Court matter in his complaint. He would have said simply that money was due on notes, mortgages, or other name of the kind. This is clearly an attempt to frighten Judge Power into settling the case to save publicity."

"But, though generous to a fault, Mr. Power is not so generous to himself. He knows, as you and I do, that the suit would never have been instituted had he not been a public man."

"Mr. McGowan's work could not be a reporter where that gentleman was to be found."

SPECIAL SALE OF PICTURES.



A great collection of Framed Etchings, Engravings, Oil Paintings, Pastels and Crayons to be sold this week at most unusual prices. Thousands of pictures, covering a wide range of beautiful subjects and all spread out in the grand rotunda in a way that will afford ample opportunity for inspection and selection. Every person interested in the adornment of home should make it a point to visit this sale. Not in many years has such an opportunity been offered.

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McKENNEY WAS PAID A GOOD BILL.

Where the Bad \$30 Note Came from is Still Unknown.
Florence McCarthy, the son of seventy-year-old Mr. McCarthy, who is charged with passing a Confederate twenty-dollar bill on Mrs. O'Dea, the Twenty-seventh street grocery woman, works at Cary & Moen's wire factory, 234 West Twenty-ninth street.

It was from Florence that Mrs. McCarthy says she got the \$20 with which she paid Mrs. O'Dea's bill. It was part of his wages which he received last night.

Inquiry at the office of the firm by an EVENING WORLD reporter showed that McCarthy, on the day in question, did receive in payment an \$20 bill. It was invariably the custom to pay off in bills of that denomination when the wages exceeded that sum.

The money was drawn the same day from the bank and there could be no question as to the genuineness of the bill McCarthy received.

Mr. Nozue, the foreman of the shop, said that McCarthy seemed to be a steady, sober, young man, who attended to his business and did good work.

He had been in the employ of the firm about six years. Outside of the shop, however, the foreman knew nothing about him.

MARRIED LIFE MADE EASY.

Unique Illustration of How to Furnish a Flat for Little Money.

A reporter was to-day shown a unique plan adopted by Ludwig, Baumann & Co., the well-known furniture and carpet dealers at 512 Eighth avenue, for illustrating the manner in which a strike was in progress.

The parlor has a plush suit, a pretty carpet, a small table and a kitchen with a complete outfit for \$11.15, thus making a total of \$111.40. Of course Messrs. Baumann will furnish any style of goods the intending couple may want, but the clever manner in which they illustrate just how one (or two) can furnish a flat handsomely and comfortably for so small a sum of money is convincing.

Among the Workers.

The Miscellaneous Section will meet to-night at 145 Eighth street, when further steps will be taken to complete the organization.

Thomas Woods, ex-walking delegate of Progressive Painters Union No. 3, has been suspended by the Theatrical Progressive Union, which has been fined by the Progressive Painters for going to work on a job on which a strike was in progress.

The Board of Walking Delegates ordered a strike of the paper-hangers employed in the new building in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, west of Tenth avenue, against Walter Scott & Co., who are said to be opposed to union men. The matter has been taken up by the Board, the owners of the building, taking the work away from Scott & Co. and giving it to union men.

A Sure Sign.
(From Judge.)
Merriitt—I'm afraid Cora's love for me isn't just what it might be.
(Giles—That's nonsense, old boy. She fairly idolizes you.)
Merriitt—I don't know so much about that. I gave her a costly present last night, and before she thanked me she ran upstairs to show it to her mother.

A Woman of the World.
(From Wide-Awake.)
A pretty fan was presented to a little girl four years of age, and she, wishing to show her new treasure, hung it on her finger and held it out at arm's length. A lady, on entering the parlor, was attracted by the peculiar attitude of the little girl, and finally said to her: "Isn't it very fatiguing to hold out your arm in that way so long?" Said little Elaine in answer, with a deep sigh: "Isn't it always fatiguing to be elegant?"

EHRICH BROS.

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